

# Keetoowahs Claim Victory!

*Tribe receives bulletproof victory to keep Casino in Tahlequah open*

United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, Ronald A. White, has issued a ruling in the case involving the Keetoowah Casino which is favorable to the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma. The ruling specifically remands the case to the National Indian Gaming Commission, criticizing the NIGC for the way it makes Indian land determinations. For several years the NIGC accepted fees from the Keetoowah Casino, approved its gaming ordinances and conducted site visits, all as regulatory actions

before making an about-face in late 2000.

"This is a very complex issue. It's just gotten enormously more complex with Friday's ruling," said Jim McMillin of McAfee & Taft, the Oklahoma City firm which represents the tribe.

The action originated in state court and was transferred to federal court by the state represented by the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office. The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District then became involved once the

Department of Interior and the National Indian Gaming Commission were made parties to the suit. An injunction was originally granted in state court which remained as the case was transferred. Both state and federal officials attempted to lift the injunction and that effort was overruled in June of 2005.

"We are extremely pleased with the outcome of the ruling and commend Judge White on his ruling. The judge has been fair and has really looked at the issues from all sides," said Keetoowah Chief George

Wickliffe. "This means we will continue to offer services to our members, assistance and education allowances, and provide support for the tribal programs."

Making no effort in the past to hide their opposition to the Keetoowahs, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma attempted to weigh in on the case without becoming a party by filing friend of the court briefs. However, while acknowledging that CNO did address important issues, the Court chastised them stating, "While the court generally welcomes

helpful analyses from friends of the court; any analysis that completely disregards pertinent facts is not helpful. Indeed, the Cherokee Nation's first brief came dangerously close to affirmatively misrepresenting the law".

"We are a major employer in this area and the economic impact of both our gaming operation and the tribe is significant. The casino stays open and we all are winners," stated Assistant Chief and Gaming Board Chairman, Charles Locust.

## Keetoowah Cherokee get grant for Elderly Community Center

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Chief George Wickliffe of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in

Oklahoma signed a letter of Acceptance for an Indian Community Development Block Grant on Monday. The \$800,000 grant will fund the construction of a Keetoowah Cherokee Elderly Community Center.

The site for the community center is located on the 80 acre

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Chief George Wickliffe, (center) signs the letter of acceptance for the Elderly Center grant. Also pictured are Assistant Chief Charles Locust and UKB grant writer Georgia Dick.





## *A Letter to the UKB People* *From Chief George Wickliffe*

### CHEROKEE TRUTHS

A letter to Judge Joseph P. Gill, dated May 16, 1903 from Sam Smith, (Redbird's oldest son) Chief of the Keetoowahs stated .... "The Keetoowahs have been so vilified, and lied about, that we appreciate how hard it will be to put us right in the minds of the people."

Today over a hundred years later, the leadership of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma plays the role of the liar. The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians will tell the truth.

**LIE #1:** They say, "The United Keetoowah Band is an illegal

entity and an offshoot of the Cherokee Nation."

**THE Truth:** The Stigler Bill was passed in 1946 specifically allowing the Keetoowahs to organize under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act. Federal recognition was gained pursuant to acts of Congress with the ratification of their Constitution on October 3, 1950. Only the UKB Constitution and Charter make reference to Treaty Rights, Geographic Boundaries, and Enabling Legislation. The CNO Constitution does not. The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma received their federal recognition in 1975.

**Lie #2:** They say, "The UKB car tags will soon be no good."

**THE Truth:** The United Keetoowah Band has a motor fuels compact with the State of Oklahoma and is authorized to sell car tags and issue titles. There is no law suit or other issue which will alter the Tribe's ability to tag vehicles and issue titles.

**Lie # 3:** They say, "The Keetoowah Casino is illegal."

**THE Truth:** There is a court

order which allows for the Keetoowah Casino to remain open. Neither the State of Oklahoma nor the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Marshals have any jurisdiction on the Keetoowah Casino property.

**LIE #4:** They say, "The UKB is after the CNO's monetary award in the Arkansas Riverbed case."

**THE TRUTH:** The right to seek relief for any rights in the Arkansas Riverbed by the United Keetoowah Band was granted by United States Congressional Legislation. The judge's decision in that case involved an interpretation of that legislative act and in no way threatens or challenges the sovereignty or federal recognition of the United Keetoowah Band.

**LIE #5:** They say, "The UKB sues the Cherokee Nation all the time."

**THE TRUTH:** The fact of the matter is that the Cherokee Nation must give permission to be sued due to their own sovereign immunity. Any lawsuit that the UKB has in progress does not name CNO as

a party defendant. If CNO is involved it is their own choice.

**LIE #6:** They say, "The UKB has to have CNO's consent to take land in trust."

**THE TRUTH:** A Congressional directive on the inclusion of the word "Consultation" in the FY1999 Appropriations Act makes it clear that the UKB is merely required to consult with the CNO. The UKB does not have to have "consent" of the CNO to take land into trust. Public Law 105-277 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take land within the former Cherokee reservation into trust for tribes other than the CNO.

At this time, the United Keetoowah Band Housing Authority is no longer accepting applications for emergency rental assistance, including deposits for rent or utilities, or late rent and mortgage payments. The UKBHA has completed 2005 funding and will not receive 2006 funds until September or October.

*Dear Tribal Members,*  
*Although I ran this article in a previous issue, there are still folks that have been confused by the information put out by the CNO, and I want to insure that everyone knows the truth.*

*George Wickliffe*

**George G. Wickliffe**  
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# UKB Regular Council Meeting Minutes

**UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting**  
**Saturday, December 03, 2005**  
**UKB Community Services Building, Tahlequah**  
**10:02 a.m. – 4:35 p.m.**

**I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe**

**II. Invocation:** Adalene Smith

**III. Roll Call:** 7 present + Chief, quorum declared by Secretary (5 members arrived 10:03/ 10:04 AM)

**IV. Chief’s address to the Council**

- Reminded of campaign promises to include education, language and culture, GED, and training classes are in active status
- Job opportunities are being made available to members
- Currently available classes are being taken to the communities
- There is an Educational Scholarship program
- Beginning in January tutors, staff assistants, classroom aids, etc. will be placed in public schools where enrollment shows a high population of UKB students. This program will be offered to “all” school students in those public schools.
- Babies will be cared for by Cherokee speaking grandparents to allow teaching the babies the Cherokee language while providing employment.
- Housing needs are still a concern; grants will never provide sufficient funds for housing. The tribe must provide some finances but still there is not enough money.
- We have responded and denied some untruths being told by “some people” UKB casino is very much legal and the UKB is older than the CNO.
- UKB Council is working within the UKB Constitution as was intended by our elders who wrote the Constitution.
- Tribal Enrollment and UKB employees continue to increase.
- The Arkansas Riverbed decision by the court in Washington is in appeal.
- Resolutions are passed by Council to help keep officers and employees on track.
- Would like the Council to consider allowing those UKB members who relinquished their membership and joined or rejoined CNO, to return to UKB membership if they so wish if their reason for leaving UKB membership was of being coerced based on promises of services provided by CNO then later discover promises are not being kept by CNO. These people then wish they had never relinquished UKB membership. I would like the Council to consider allowing 30 or 60 or 90 days for relinquished UKB members to return to UKB membership if they were coerced to rejoin CNO citizenship. This does not mean to lower the blood quantum but to allow the individuals to explain why they relinquished and if being coerced was the reason, then allow their return to UKB membership.

**V. Approval of both sets of Council Minutes for the month of November**

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve minutes for November 5th, 2005; **SECONDED** by Charles Locust;

**- DISCUSSION:**

- Woodrow Proctor asked for clarification on proper name of Community Services building because today’s report heading was entered as: Community Services Building of Tahlequah.
- Explanation was given as to building site was referred to as: Community Services building.
- Woodrow requested the proper naming of this facility be placed on January’s agenda.
- After further discussion and because there was no resolution on record as to the proper name of said; it was decided the word Tahlequah will not be connected with the building’s name. The building will be named: UKB Community Services Building. This item will appear on the January Council meeting agenda in order to secure a resolution for the proper name of the building
- Susan Adair inquired why various decisions voted on showed a difference in number voting.
- Explanation was given and expected. She then asked that a roll call be completed after any “breaks” taken during any meeting of the Council to eliminate similar questions.

VOTE 10 Yes; 0 No; 2 Abstention (Smith, Adair). Motion passed.

**VI. Presentations**

- Liz Littledave presented verbal and written information on a “draft” of the Human Services policy and procedure from the Human Services Committee for Council to review and make changes, etc. and Council discuss for approval or disapproval of this “draft” at the January Council Meeting.
- Jerry Hanson expressed concerns for health needs of people with focus on home health welfare checks and assist in proper taking of prescribed medication. Some health concerns reflected; no running water in homes, improper diet and serious health concerns relating to second-hand smoke.
- Woodrow Proctor asked if LIHEAP can schedule community site for assistance applications to eliminate the travel to Tahlequah for this purpose and then being unable to receive requested assistance.
- Stephanie Wickliffe said such a program will be staring Monday. Joyce Fourkiller will over-see this at the Child Care Center in Stilwell on Monday and Wednesday where Lucy Wolfe will be there to take assistance applications. Lucy Wolfe is to be cross-trained in knowledge of all tribal program applications to speed up the application process. Chief Wickliffe informed as more people’s needs are known, we will give needs attention as soon as possible. These needs in the community are very important and we want to help.

**VII. Reports to the Council:**

1. Legal Issues: Ken Bellmard
- Senator McCain has introduced some amendments on Gaming Regulations and we’re moderating those. It is thought the house will have some amendments also.
- Chief stated that Ken Bellmard is

Interim Attorney General for UKB.

- Charles Locust said we have made Bellmard the official Interim AG.
- Chief Wickliffe said Bellmard is the official Interim Attorney General. He also said the UKB is watching the business in Washington.
- Jerry Hanson said local politicians need our UKB votes and he has been encouraging UKB members to get interested in attending community meetings including UKB district meetings. People will not come to district meetings but they will come to receive discretionary funds. He said he expected people’s criticism on how he pushes attendance of community and district meetings.

**2. Treasurer’s Report:** Shelbi Wofford

- Exit audit completed
- Auditor will be looking into Grant legals, tribal court improvement grants and Tribal Victims Assistance department grants
- Received documents from BancFirst showing notes are paid-in-full and new note is open at Bank of Cherokee County.
- Christmas gift cards are ready and will be coordinated with Council at district meeting and accounting staff, this is the best way of distributing cards for accountability and reconcile of bank accounts. There will be a sign-in sheet provided by the Secretary’s office which will be given to the Council’s secretary (Juanita Smith). The money was donated by the Casino which equaled \$35,950.00.
- November’s revenue expense balance was reported.
- November payment for Elder Property will be paid off in January 2006.
- Chief Wickliffe said UKB is very near to completing clean audits for previous years.

**3. Enrollment Report:** Liz Littledave (written & verbal)

- 46 applications for new membership
- 2 requests for relinquishment
- 2 requests for relinquishment was honored by the Enrollment Personnel under the new policy approved by Council at the December Council meeting
- Questions and responses

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to accept 46 new member enrollees; **SECONDED** by Adalene Smith; VOTE: 12 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstentions. Motion passed

MOTION by Eddie Sacks to honor the 2 requests for relinquishment of tribal membership; **SECONDED** by Adalene Smith; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No; 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

**4. Budget and Finance Committee:** Charles Locust (verbal report)

(Will forward or email report to Secretary and Council will receive written report)

**- Meeting last week:**

- Discussion of transfer funds from Gaming to General Funds. Gaming Board did approve and transfer was passed
- \$100,000.00 will be transferred to General Funds this would cover issues carried over and/or some unexpected costs
- Discussed with Comptroller the status of audit. He predicts within 2 weeks the 2004 audit will be completed.

**\*\*Based on this; this tribe will be caught-up and this will have happened within 10 months. This will be the first time this tribe can say this for a long time. We have accomplished so much in 10 months.**

- Seems we will have a good report on all our programs in this last audit. Programs are in compliance which will allow us to apply for more funds.
- Gaming Board is actually responsible for the Christmas candy, Christmas card money, and the employee Christmas party.
- Funds from the Gaming Board and the Budget and Finance Committee, when approved for transfer, then go on to accounting so accounting can distribute it.
- Gaming has caused cuts in expenses. This has allowed annual raises for the over-all employees.
- Tribal accountability portrays a positive image in reference to land issues.
- An issue discussed and unanimously passed and may be presented at the January meeting is that any tribal council member who misses a Council meeting or leaves early from the meeting will relinquish their stipend for that month and any officer will have that deducted from their salary as their paid every pay period. This loss of stipend or salary will be a decision by the Council.
- Issue of increase in cost of UKB tags was discussed and voted on, but the Tax Commission Chairman Eddie Sacks has already resolved this issue. Suggested if Tax Commission wishes to make any changes in current practices of the commission, present such through the Budget and Finance Committee. The unanimous vote was; Tax Commission will present any change proposal to Budget and Finance Committee in order that both entities have knowledge and can discuss for a conclusion.
- The Treasurer (Shelbi Wofford) has submitted her resignation from the Budget and Finance Committee to a member. Was voted on and approved; resignation accepted. This situation will be addressed at the next Budget and Finance Committee meeting where nominations will be made to fill this member vacancy.
- Charles Locust said the transfer process in the past was that the Budget and Finance Committee approves transfer of funds but if this Administration wishes to stop the current practice and bring such before the Council for approval then that can be done.
- **DISCUSSION**
- MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the transfer of \$100,000.00 from the Gaming Board and Budget and Finance Committee having approved such transfer to the general fund; **SECONDED** by Woodrow Proctor; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.
- Eddie Sacks commented that if committees and/or boards have no authority to act but must bring suggestions to Council for decision, Council is taking over; then need is to revise all by-laws governing committees, commissions, and boards

**5. Gaming Board:** Charles Locust (no presentation; written report in Council packet)

**6. Personnel Committee:** No report

**7. Enterprise Board:** Woodrow Proctor (No report)

- Board is working with Corp in using acreage for something in addition/or something different than agriculture.
- The trucking business is working on “tax status” for clarification. UKB tags are not the issue as is being reported from our “southern neighbors” on any UKB vehicle tag. The state recognizes UKB tags.
- Albert Shade inquired of number of trucks the UKB does have and number of trucks has not increased.
- Charles Locust explained how business growth is slowed because the trucks were purchased outside of Oklahoma and now the Alabama Tax Commission is uncertain as to how to address the taxes and we are working with IRS to get clarification on tax status of the business.
- Stephanie Wickliffe said the IRS needs to get trucking business licensed under UKB codes. This will be explained later in today’s meeting. These UKB codes are also another step in the establishment of 8A.
- Ken Bellmard said the IRS will rule if the trucking company is a business that is an essential governmental function of the tribe. The codes provision might get a private ruling from the IRS then everything the UKB builds under this letter will eliminate any tax questions. Would suggest meeting with Brian Shade, Trucking Company Manager, have the people working on Tax issues and Georgia Dick come and explain this tax issue to the Council because this issue is very complex because of the IRS involvement.
- Chief Wickliffe said the trucks are rolling and once the IRS questions are cleared up the number of trucks will increase.

**8. Gaming Commission Report:** Joe Bunch (verbal and written)

- Written report provided in Council packets

**9. Departmental Reports:** Stephanie Wickliffe

- Stephanie Wickliffe said departmental reports are included in Council packets
- A pre-award letter informing a grant for the Senior Community Center submitted by Georgia Dick had been pre-approved for \$800,000.00. In about 30 days we should receive the final approval letter.
- UKB tribal member employment has increased by 7%. This does not include gaming. Approximately 70% of employees are Keetoowah members.
- \$40,000.00 will be set in escrow for Ross Group to come complete construction changes and needs on the Wellness Center.
- Sanctions can be placed on the Ross Group from being eligible for future UKB construction bids.
- Education has 2 new volunteers that were introduced; Dallas Littledeer and Tiffany Still.
- IT Department is setting in new e-mail servers which does allow for remote access.
- Stephanie and Georgia Dick will be

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tract purchased by the tribe in 2000 and is part of the Master Plan designed for this area. The area is already home to the UKB Community Services Center, the UKB Wellness Center, and the soon-to-be-completed Henry Doublehead Child Care Center. The tribe is currently waiting to hear a decision from the BIA to take the land into trust.

“The United Keetoowah Band strives to address the needs of our elderly and feel the need for a center has been long overdue. We now have an Elders nutrition site located in the Community Services building. Activities can now be expanded with a new center rather than limiting the current site to nutrition meals, such as adding activities like a monthly dance and occasional bingo.

The center will allow a satellite site for meals for the qualified tribal elderly in the area and in the future will be greatly beneficial as the tribe is currently working on a project for elderly housing to be built around the center. This brings us to the current need for a center allowing for the need to grow and expand meeting the needs of this growing population. The UKB has established an Elders committee and will involve this committee ensuring the senior participants will continue to have a voice in governance of the center,” said Chief Wickliffe.

The center will provide a wide range of services including counseling, recreation, educational activities, legal information, preventive medical education, social, and inter-generational activities.

The UKB Language, History, and Culture program will do presentations at schools and for other groups. The program includes crafts demonstrations such as basket weaving and making stick ball sticks; traditional Keetoowah Cherokee story telling, UKB history and Keetoowah Cherokee language classes. Each program can be customized to the groups needs. To schedule a UKB cultural program, contact Sammy Still at (918) 456-8698.



## Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships

This program places students in paid internships in Science and Engineering at any of several Department of Energy facilities. Many of the participants in the program have decided on a career in science and engineering because of the nature of the experience. Students work with scientists or engineers on projects related to the laboratories' research programs. The different laboratories each offer different research opportunities.

The summer programs at the various laboratories will run from late May to mid-August, fall programs run from August through December and spring programs from January through May. The exact start date will depend on the laboratory and will be given to participants who have been accepted at that specific laboratory. Students are required to participate for the full term of the program. For more information, go to [www.scied.science.doe.gov](http://www.scied.science.doe.gov)

### Length of Appointment

An appointment is for 10 weeks during the Summer Term (May through August) or for 16 weeks during the Fall Term (August through December) and Spring Term (January through May).

# EDUCATION CORNER

by Mary Nordwall - UKB Education Director

- ◆ The Education Department has a new Education Clerk to assist with Students and families concerning their student file information. Her name is Della Wolfe. She can be reached at 453-2569.
- ◆ The Education Department will be holding their **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Workshop**, Part II on Tuesday evening, 6-8 PM on February 28, 2006 in the Computer Lab at the Community Federal Building. All students who will be attending college, university or vo-tech for next school year Fall 2006 and Spring 2007, please plan to attend. This invitation also includes graduating seniors and parents are welcome to attend. The Education Department is requiring all UKB students seeking financial assistance to attend. This workshop will provide a number of new grants available to students for their overall financial aid package.
- ◆ “**How to Apply for a Federal Job**” is an 8 hour training session on the federal hiring process. The Federal Government is losing 60% of it's workforce within the next few years due to retirements. The human resource departments within the government can't keep up with the recruitment demands. The session focuses on language, keywords, special hiring programs, forms, websites and resumes. This training will be held February 16, 2006 from 8:30-5:00 PM in the Keetoowah Community Services building computer lab. There will be a break for lunch. Please contact the education department to sign-up as seating is limited. The number to call is 453-2569 or 456-8698.
- ◆ The Keetoowah Community Technology Center computer lab at the community building is open all day Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm and 5- 8 pm at night.
- ◆ The deadline for applying for College, University and Vo-tech's is now over, Jan. 31, 2006. Vo-tech classes start in late Spring 2006, please contact us at 453-2569 or 456-8698 to see if monies for Vo-tech assistance are available.

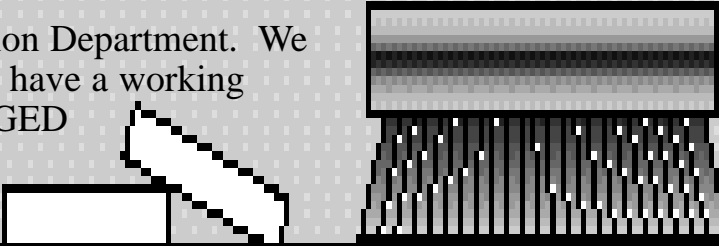
Applications for **Graduation Bonuses** will be available Feb. 1, 2006. Please stop by the Education Department at the UKB Community Services building to pick up an application. Applications must be supported with documentation of Degree or License received. Applications will be accepted 60 days upon completion of graduation. Please return completed forms to the Education Department. Notification from the Education Department will be sent to applicant directing when and where to pick up Graduation Bonuses. The following schedule has been prepared for Graduation Bonuses:

High School Graduates	\$200.00
Vocational License	250.00
Associates Degree	250.00
Bachelor's Degree	400.00
Master's Degree	400.00

\*Please review January 2006, Keetoowah News for Graduation Bonus information  
**K-12 financial assistance requests** for the academic school year will be June 1, 2006  
Stay tuned to the **Education Department's Spring Break Cultural Events and camps**. We will also be offering cultural events and camps for the summer 2006. Cultural camps and enrichment applications will be available at a later date.

The Education Department is looking to create a **youth council** to assist in providing programming for our UKB community. We will be looking at ages 16- 21 to serve on this council. We may have 7 representatives. Please stay in touch with the Education Department for further details.

**GED assistance** is available at the Education Department. We can pay for testing through applications. We have a working plan with Tahlequah High School and other GED centers. Come by the Education Office to find out what centers are available to you.





# Cindy Hair teaches basket weaving classes



UKB Cultural Specialist Cindy Hair teaches basket weaving to students at Greasy School in the after school program. (l to r) Erin Orman, Dylan Fourkiller, Dalton Wallace, Jonathan Lewis, UKB Tribal Councilor Cliff Wofford, Cindy Hair, Shaylyn Holmes, School Principal and tribal member Jim Limore, and Steven Scott. The program is part of the Keetoowah Cherokee Language, History and Culture Department. For more information, call Director Sammy Still at (918) 456-9200.



Basket Making is fun, especially when UKB Cultural Specialist Cindy Hair teaches the class. (l to r) Jonathan Lewis, Hair, Steven Scott, and Shaylynn Holmes. In addition to the classes at Greasy, Cindy will be teaching classes at Maryetta Immersion Head Start, Cherry Tree School, and Maryetta Early Head Start during the month of February.

# Tribal Youth Serves as Escort

Tribal Youth Sidney (Choogie) Hair served as the second grade escort at the Peggs Basketball Homecoming. He escorted Nikole Ketcher. Choogie is the son of Kim Hair and Edward Gourd. His brothers are Brandon, Robbie, and Brenton England and Kevin Gourd. His grandparents are James and Cindy Hair and he is the great grandson of the late Bessie Blackbear. Choogie would like to be a professional football player when he grows up. He played t-ball last summer and will play coach pitch baseball this year. “He is a very loving person,” said his grandma, Cindy Hair.



Check out the UKB Website at:  
[www.ukb-nsn.gov](http://www.ukb-nsn.gov)

## UKB February Calendar of Council, District and Special Meetings

- February 4**UKB Regular Council Meeting 10 a.m.  
Community Services Center, Tahlequah
- February 9**Delaware District Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Jay Community Center
- February 10**Tahlequah District Meeting, 6 p.m.  
Keener Church, Lost City
- February 11**Flint District Meeting 2-5 p.m.  
Keetoowah Building, Stilwell  
(Former Keetoowah Early Learning Center)
- February 14**Goingsnake District Meeting 6 - 8 p.m.  
Ozarks Electric, Stilwell
- February 21**Sequoyah District Meeting, 5 p.m.  
Keetoowah Gaming Commission Office,  
Sallisaw
- February 28**Saline District Meeting 6 p.m.  
Kenwood Community Center

*\*no other meeting dates available at press time*

Canadian District Meeting – to be announced  
Cooweescoowee District Meeting – to be announced  
Illinois District Meeting – to be announced

## Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Program Menu for Feb.

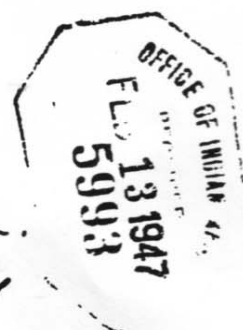
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Goulash Hominy Salad Hot Rolls Dessert	2 Chicken Fncalada Mexican Rice Refried Beans Black Bean Salad Dessert	3 Breakfast 10:30am-12:00pm	4
6 Beef Stroganoff Broccoli Salad Dessert Bread	7 Smoked Salmon Wild Rice Cauliflower Salad Dessert	8 Potato Soup Crackers/Bread Salad Dessert	9 Shrimp Alfredo Fococcia Bread Ceasar Salad Dessert	10 Breakfast 10:30am-12:00pm	11
13 Brown Beans Cornbread Greens Salad Dessert	14 Gyros Greek Salad Dessert	15 Mac-N-Tom Corn Salad Hot Rolls Dessert	16 Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Salad Dessert	17 Breakfast 10:30am-12:00pm	18
20 Closed For Presidents Day	21 BBQ Sandwiches Baked Beans Cole Slaw Dessert	22 Super Baked Potatoes Salad Dessert	23 Cultural Foods Day February Birthdays	24 Closed For Cleaning	25
27 Beef Stew Cornbread Salad Dessert	28 Stuffed Chicken Breast Roasted Potatoes Baby Carrots Salad/Dessert			Menu Subject To Change	Questions? Call 456-8968



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From the Organized.  
United Keetoowah Cherokee Band of  
Indians in Oklahoma.

We were organized on June 9th. 1939.

as in a general organization of all the  
Cherokee Indians whether there are groups or bands  
or clan, this was headed in that manner way  
and it was agreeable, and we are not partial  
with others from this organization, as established  
following constitution and By-laws of the  
United Keetoowah Cherokee Band of Indians,  
we believe we are entitled of a charter.

This organization is an effort to bring all Indians to-  
gether for the purpose of enlightening the public,  
preserving Indian cultural values, seeking an equitable  
adjustment of tribal affairs, securing and preserving  
their rights under treaties with the United States,  
and streamlining with the Indian affairs, better  
educational advantages and protection of Indians in  
their land rights, and this is what  
we advocate, and better farming  
and better livestock raising, and better homes.

Sincerely yours,  
Rev. Jim Pickup - Chief

SUPERINTENDENT  
WOR/lch

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
FIELD SERVICE  
Muskogee, Oklahoma  
September 20, 1948

Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Department of the Interior  
Washington 25, D.C.



Sir:

This has reference to the pro-  
posal which has been under  
consideration for several  
years to complete the  
organization of the  
Keetoowah organiza-  
tion of the Chero-  
kee Nation. There  
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of these Indi-  
ans known as  
the United  
Keetoowah Band  
of Cherokee  
Indians of  
Oklahoma as  
follows:

Resolution  
No. 1. In  
letter of  
September  
15th, 1948,  
addressed to the  
Superintendent,  
which transmits a  
resolution of the  
United Keetoowahs  
Cherokee Band of Indi-  
ans in Oklahoma for their  
proper recognition as a  
Band of Indians. This letter  
is signed by Rev. Jim Pickup,  
Chief, and John A. Cochran, Secretary,  
of the United Keetoowah Band and by the council  
members present, which consisted of fourteen of  
twenty-seven of the total council.

Resolution No. 2. Resolution signed by  
Officers and council members of the United Keetoowah  
Band of Indians in Oklahoma which sets out the  
9th of June 1939, this band of Indians was  
organized formally and that they adopted a consti-  
tution and by-laws for the proper continuance of  
organization. "The resolution further pet-



# Records Declassified Show Truth Keetoowahs

the Office of Indian Affairs to grant appropriate recognition of said Band of Indians and issue to said Indians be considered and recognized by the officials of the Government as a chartered Band of Indians in Oklahoma within the meaning of said Act of Congress of June 26, 1936"

Resolution No. 3. Copy of the notice to United Keetoowah Cherokee Band of Indians in Oklahoma informing of a meeting to be held at Lyons Community House June 9, 1939.

Resolution No. 4. Constitution and by-laws of the United Keetoowah Band of Indians in Oklahoma, which was presented to the Assembly on that date of June 9, 1939, and which, according, to paragraph No. 2, of the resolution referred to above was favorably voted upon by the Assembly.

There is evidence in the writings of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians that the Constitution and by-laws were submitted to the Indian Office after the vote on June 9, 1939 indicating the desire of the group for recognition. It appears that due to the lack of legal authority the Department withheld its approval.

The United Keetoowah Cherokee Band of Indians of Oklahoma, according to their decision on the 15th of September 1948, say that all legal requirements for organization are now available and that the constitution and by-laws that were to be voted upon, are accepted by the Band, and may be properly approved and that the organization may function in full recognition of the Department's consideration and approval.

This matter is submitted to the office with the recommendation that it be approved.

Very truly yours,  
W.O. Roberts,  
General Superintendent

## Records Prove Keetoowahs are the Real Cherokee Tribe

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RESOLUTION

We, the undersigned officers and Councilmen of the United Keetoowah Cherokee Band of Indians in Oklahoma, at a special called meeting of said organization on the thirteenth day of September, Nineteen Hundred Forty-eight in the city of Muskogee, Oklahoma, having carefully considered the status of our organization and desiring that said organization be chartered and officially recognized by the Government of the United States as permitted by an Act of Congress relating to the status of the Keetoowah Indians of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma, wherein said Keetoowah Indians maybe recognized as a band of Indians residing in Oklahoma within the meaning of Section 3 of the Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967), adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, on the 9th day of June, 1939, the United Keetoowah Cherokee Band of Indians in Oklahoma were regularly organized under the style and name used herein as a band of Cherokee Indians residing in Oklahoma, and on said day adopted a constitution and by-laws for said organization and thereupon elected regular officers of said organization and thereafter have continued in existence holding regular meetings and functioning as an organization within the purposes for which said band of Indians was organized, and

Whereas, we have been informed that it is now possible for this organization to be officially recognized and chartered by the Government of the United States within the meaning of Section 3 of the Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967), and thereupon the benefits provided by said Act may be made available to the members of this organization.

Be It Therefore Resolved, That the United Keetoowah Cherokee Band of Indians in Oklahoma request and petition the Office of Indian Affairs to grant appropriate recognition of said band of Indians and issue to said Indians a proper charter signifying such recognition and that thereof the Government as a chartered band of Indians in Oklahoma within the meaning of said Act of Congress of June 26, 1936.

Done at Muskogee, Oklahoma this 15th day of September, 1948 A.D.

Witnesseth the hands and seals of the undersigned officers of said organization.

Attest:  
John A. Cochran  
John A. Cochran, Secretary  
United Keetoowah Cherokee Band of Indians in Oklahoma.

Charles Watt  
Charles Watt,  
Stillwell, Oklahoma, Route 3

John Babin  
John Babin,  
Bunch, Oklahoma, Route 1

Dave Standingdeer  
Dave Standingdeer,  
Welling, Oklahoma, Route 1

Ned Crawford  
Ned Crawford,  
Kenwood, Oklahoma

Benjamin Smith  
Benjamin Smith,  
Kenwood, Oklahoma

John Ketcher  
John Ketcher,  
Hulbert, Oklahoma, Route 1

William Peak  
William Peak,  
Vian, Oklahoma, Route 2

Ray Jim Pickup  
Ray Jim Pickup, Chief,  
United Keetoowah Cherokee Band of Indians in Oklahoma.

John Fluto  
John Fluto,  
Bunch, Oklahoma, Route 1

Richard Manus  
Richard Manus,  
Taleuah, Oklahoma, Route 3

Benjamin Birdhopper  
Benjamin Birdhopper,  
Sallis, Oklahoma

Richard Henson  
Richard Henson,  
Hulbert, Oklahoma, Route 1

John Snell  
John Snell,  
Woody, Oklahoma, General Delivery

John H. Miller  
John H. Miller,  
Stillwell, Oklahoma, Route 3

John A. Cochran  
John A. Cochran,  
Hulbert, Oklahoma





## Seven UKB Lighthorse Security Officers get CLEET Certification

Seven United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Lighthorse Security Officers graduated from the CLEET Reserve Academy on Friday, January 13, 2006. UKB employees graduating from the program include

Christina Bennett, Jonathan Cooper, Mark Doublehead, Travis Foreman, Audrey Howard, Chris Thompson, and Raymond Wickson. Other graduates included Robert Bacon, Jr., Charles Cole, Donald Coy, Ryan Daughtery,

Don Eubanks, Robert Fine, Jeremy Hitchcock, Jason Holsey, Jaime Heimbach, Alexander Khranov, Ray Knight, April Lane, Shirley Lane, Monte Phillips, Timothy Turner, Shelly Tucker, and Angela Wilson. The instructors for the program were Mike Rowsey, Jason Chennault, and Clint Johnson.

CLEET is an acronym for Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training. Established in 1963, the Council supports Oklahoma law enforcement in serving its communities, including enhancing public safety by providing education and training which promotes professionalism and enhances competency within the ranks of Oklahoma law enforcement. The mission of the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) is to Enhance public safety by providing education and training which promotes professionalism and enhances competency within the ranks of Oklahoma law enforcement; manage and regulate the licensing and training of private security.



UKB Lighthorse Security Director Mac Martin congratulates UKB Lighthorse and Gaming Security personnel as they complete CLEET training. (l to r) first row: Martin, Christina Bennett, Raymond Wickson, Audrey Howard, and Jonathan Cooper. Back row: Chris Thompson, Mark Doublehead, and Travis Foreman.

## Immediate Opportunity

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Tahlequah, OK is seeking an experienced

### Child Care Development Director

As Director of the newly constructed Henry Doublehead Child Care Center the ideal candidate's purpose will be to plan, administer, supervise, carry out and evaluate early childhood development (CD) and enrichment preschool programs designed to promote children's physical, social, emotional and cognitive growth from infancy to school age. The director must possess the ability to develop and implement a Keetoowah Cherokee language immersion program for the center.

Requirements include: Bachelors in Early Childhood Education, CDA or CCP with 12 months administrative experience. Must pass OSBI background check and have CPR, First Aide Certification.

*The United Keetoowah Band is also Taking Applications for Master Teachers and Teacher Aides.*

Submit Resume and Application to:  
Human Resources, P.O. Box 746  
Tahlequah, OK 74465  
Or Fax to 918-456-9877  
[www.ukb-nsn.org](http://www.ukb-nsn.org)

Indian Preference is applied.

## Britanie Wacoche

UKB tribal youth Britanie Wacoche is 9 years old and attends Briggs Elementary School. She is in Mrs. Ritzhaupt's 4th grade class. Britanie is the daughter of Jeff and Jennifer Wacoche. She has one sister, Jennica, 14 and one brother, Nick, 12. Her grandparents are (paternal) Mona & Edwin Thompson, Aunt - Trina - Maternal - Grandpa, David Jones and two aunts (Kristen & Jennifer) & one uncle (Mike).

Britanie was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. In January 2002, President George W. Bush called on all Americans to dedicate at least two years - or 4000 hours over the course of their lives to serve others at home or abroad. In a letter the president stated, "I congratulate you and all Americans who have answered this call and have earned a Bronze Award from the President's Council. Americans of all ages can serve others in countless ways, such as mentoring a child, caring for an elderly neighbor, teaching someone to read, cleaning parks and creating safer neighborhoods." Britanie was involved in a service learning project with Mrs. Sellers second grade class at Briggs School. The students wrote a book entitled "Cherokee Myths and Truths" and read the book to younger children.

Britanie was also a Brownie for two years, Troop 1, and is now a Jr. Girl Scout, Troop 1. She plays basketball, softball, and runs track during the school year at Briggs and also plays during the summer and fall leagues. She was the second baseman for the Tahlequah



Fever, who won the league, and the USSSA 8 and under State & National Championships in slow-pitch.

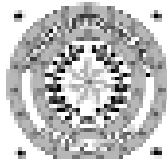
She is currently an orange belt at Vann's tae kwon do, and she will be testing for her green belt in February. She is a Superintendent's honor roll student for the past three school years and "Student of the Year" for the past two. She is an accelerated reader, a member of the academic team, gifted & talented, Cherokee Challenge Bowl team, and has been named student of the month each school year.

Britanie currently has perfect attendance for the school year. She has been nominated to compete in the Pre-teen America scholarship program for the last three years. She is active in the youth group at the church she attends (DD Etchison Indian Methodist Church). She has received multiple certificates in school subjects, school conduct, and physical fitness



Three UKB youth at Maryetta Schools basketball game include Kyle Deason, Megan Christie, and Kayce Fourkiller.





# Healthy Food Choices for Diabetics

**Making Healthy Food Choices**

What foods are healthy? What foods are unhealthy? How do you establish a plan for eating healthy foods? Let the American Diabetes Association help point you in the right direction.

**Diabetes meal plans & a healthy diet**

Whether you need to lose weight, gain weight, or stay where you are, your meal plan can help. A healthy diet is a way of eating that that reduces risk for complications such as heart disease and stroke.

**Food Guide Pyramid**

The Food Guide Pyramid divides food into 6 food groups and emphasizes eating a certain number of portions from each food group.

**Rate Your Plate**

A fun way to make sure you eat a variety of healthy foods at each meal.

**Exchange Lists**

Exchanges lists group together foods that have similar carbohydrate, protein, fat, and calories. They can be a great guide to planning balanced meals.

**Holiday Meal Planning**

The holidays can be a tough time for families, especially families dealing with diabetes. But there's no reason you can't take it all in stride. With a little preparation and some diabetes know-how under your belt, you'll be ready to face any holiday head-on.

**What is a diabetes meal plan?**

A diabetes meal plan is a guide that tells you how much and what kinds of food you can choose to eat at meals and snack times. A good meal plan should fit in with our schedule and eating habits. The right meal plan will help you improve your blood glucose, blood pressure, and cholesterol numbers and also help keep your weight on track. Whether you need to lose weight or stay where you are, your meal plan can help.

People with diabetes have to take extra care to make sure that their food is balanced with insulin and oral medications, and exercise to help manage their blood glucose levels.

This might sound like a lot of work, but your doctor and/or dietitian can help you create a meal plan that is best for you. When you make healthy food choices, you will improve your overall health and you can even prevent complications such as heart disease, some cancers, and hypertension.

There are many ways to help you follow your diabetes meal plan. Some ways are following the Food Guide Pyramid, Rating your Plate, Exchanges Lists, and Carbohydrate Counting. They are all different but hopefully one is right for you.

**What is a healthy diet?**

A healthy diet is a way of eating that that reduces risk for complications such as heart disease and stroke. Healthy eating includes eating a wide variety of foods including vegetables, whole grains, fruits, non-fat dairy products, beans, and lean meats, poultry and fish. There is no one perfect food so including a variety of different foods and watching portion sizes is key to a healthy diet. Also, make sure your choices from each food group provide the highest quality nutrients you can find. In other words, pick foods rich in vitamins, minerals and fiber over those that are processed.

People with diabetes can eat the same foods the family enjoys. Everyone benefits from healthy eating so the whole family can take part in healthy eating. It takes some planning but you can fit your favorite foods into your meal plan and still manage your blood glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol.

**Using the Diabetes Food Pyramid**

The Diabetes Food Pyramid divides food into six groups. These groups or sections on the pyramid vary in size. The largest group — grains, beans, and starchy vegetables — is on the bottom. This means that you should eat more servings of grains, beans, and starchy vegetables than of any of the other foods. The smallest group — fats, sweets, and alcohol — is at the top of the pyramid. This tells you to eat very few servings from these food groups.

The Diabetes Pyramid gives a range of servings. If you follow the minimum number of servings in each group, you would eat about 1600 calories and if you eat at the upper end of the range, it would be about 2800 calories. Most women, would eat at the lower end of the range and many men would eat in the middle to high end of the range if they are very active. The exact number of servings you need depends on your diabetes goals, calorie and nutrition needs, your lifestyle, and the foods you like to eat. Divide the number of servings you should eat among the meals and snacks you eat each day.

The Diabetes Food Pyramid is a little different than the USDA Food Guide Pyramid because it groups foods based on their carbohydrate and protein content instead of their classification as a food. To have about the same carbohydrate content in each serving, the portion sizes are a little different too. For example: you will find potatoes and other starchy vegetables in the grains, beans and starchy vegetables group instead of the vegetables group. Cheese is in the meat group instead of the milk group. A serving of pasta or rice is 1/3 cup in the Diabetes Food Pyramid and 1/2 cup in the USDA pyramid. Fruit juice is 1/2 cup in the Diabetes Food Pyramid and 3/4 cup in the USDA pyramid. This difference is to make the carbohydrate about the same in all the servings listed.

Following is a description of each group and the recommended range of servings of each group.

**Grains and Starches**

At the base of the pyramid are bread, cereal, rice, and pasta. These foods contain mostly carbohydrates. The foods in this group are made mostly of grains, such as wheat, rye, and oats. Starchy vegetables like potatoes, peas, and corn also belong to this group, along with dry beans such as black eyed peas and pinto beans. Starchy vegetables and beans are in this group because they have about as much carbohydrate in one serving as a slice of bread. So, you should count them as carbohydrates for your meal plan.

**Choose 6-11 servings per day.** Remember, not many people would eat the maximum number of servings. Most people are toward the lower end of the range.

Serving sizes are:

- 1 slice of bread
- 1/4 of a bagel (1 ounce)
- 1/2 an English muffin or pita bread
- 1, 6 inch tortilla
- 3/4 cup dry cereal
- 1/2 cup cooked cereal
- 1/2 cup potato, yam, peas, corn, or cooked beans
- 1 cup winter squash
- 1/3 cup of rice or pasta

**Vegetables**

All vegetables are naturally low in fat and good choices to include often in your meals or have them as a low calorie snack. Vegetables are full of vitamins, minerals and fiber. This

group includes spinach, chicory, sorrel, Swiss chard, broccoli, cabbage, bok choy, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, and kale, carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, and lettuce. Starchy vegetables such as potatoes, corn, peas, and lima beans are counted in the starch and grain group for diabetes meal planning.

**Choose at least 3-5 servings per day.**

A serving is:

- 1 cup raw
- 1/2 cup cooked

**Fruit**

The next layer of the pyramid is fruits, which also contain carbohydrates. They have plenty of vitamins, minerals, and fiber. This group includes blackberries, cantaloupe, strawberries, oranges, apples, bananas, peaches, pears, apricots, and grapes.

**Choose 2-4 servings per day**

A serving is:

- 1/2 cup canned fruit
- 1 small fresh fruit
- 2 tbs dried fruit
- 1 cup of melon or raspberries
- 1 1/4 cup of whole strawberries

**Milk**

Milk products contain a lot of protein and calcium as well as many other vitamins. Choose non-fat or low-fat dairy products for the great taste and nutrition without the saturated fat.

**Choose 2-3 servings per day**

A serving is:

- 1 cup non-fat or low-fat milk
- 1 cup of yogurt

**Meat and Meat Substitutes**

The meat group includes beef, chicken, turkey, fish, eggs, tofu, dried beans, cheese, cottage cheese and peanut butter. Meat and meat substitutes are great sources of protein and many vitamins and minerals.

Choose from lean meats, poultry and fish and cut all the visible fat off meat. Keep your portion sizes small. Three ounces is about the size of a deck of cards. You only need 4-6 ounces for the whole day

**Choose 4-6 oz per day divided between meals**

Equal to 1 oz of meat:

- 1/4 cup cottage cheese
- 1 egg
- 1 Tbsp peanut butter
- 1/2 cup tofu

**Fats, Sweets, and Alcohol**

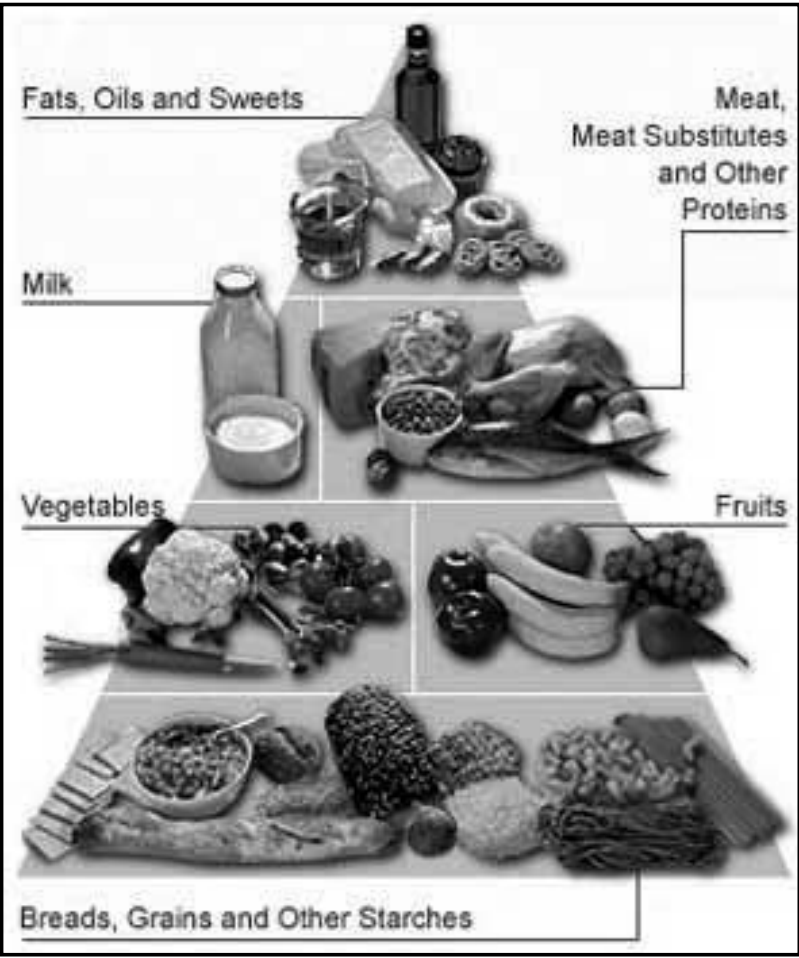
Things like potato chips, candy, cookies, cakes, crackers, and fried foods contain a lot of fat or sugar. They aren't as nutritious as vegetables or grains. Keep your servings small and save them for a special treat!

Serving sizes include:

- 1/2 cup ice cream
- 1 small cupcake or muffin
- 2 small cookies

The Diabetes Food Pyramid makes it easier to remember what to eat. For a healthy meal plan that is based on your individual needs, you should work with a registered dietitian (RD) with expertise in diabetes management.

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# Kansas Girls 5th & 6th Basketball Team



Front row left to right – Jordan Proctor, Courtney Andregg, Danielle Pilcher, Tori Mouse  
Back row left to right – Ashleigh Tramel, Rebecca Mirelez, Marina Kaiser, Jessica Phillips, Ashley Sapp, Micheala Dry



# WANTED

## Sports Information and News





The Keetoowah News would like to highlight our youth and their sports teams.

Please send photos with team members identified (first row left to right) (second row left to right) etc. If you do not have a team photo, send us a photo with a tribal member in their team suit, and nation listing school, mascot name, kids, child's parents, grandparents, likes, goals, etc. Be sure to include a place where we can contact you if we need more information. You may e-mail and photos to mcraig@unitedkeetoowah.org or mail it to: Marilyn Craig, PO Box 746, Tahlequah, OK 74364.

We would love to find a person in each community of the nine districts who would send us a sports column on a regular basis. If you are interested in being this person, please contact Marilyn Craig at (918) 456-6533.



The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma congratulates the Sequoyah Indians Girls and Boys Basketball Teams for continuing to compete well.

*Boys Coach: Larry Grigg*

*Girls Coach: Bill Nobles*

- Feb. 3 Victory Christian - There 6:30 JV/4:00
- Feb. 7 Fayetteville Christian - Here 6:30
- Feb. 10 Coweta - There 6:30 JV/4:00
- Feb. 11 Riverside - Here 5:30
- Feb. 14 Cascia Hall - Here 6:30 JV/4:00

**We are proud of Sequoyah High School Athletes! The UKB continue to support all of you!**

# Sequoyah Indians Track Team Triple Crown Champions

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma would like to recognize the Sequoyah Indians Track Team for winning their third straight state championship. Under the direction of boys coach James Nells, and girls coach Sam Horsechief, paired with the talent and dedication of these young athletes, the Indians have a winning formula.

The bond between the coaches no doubt contributes to the success, for they have a relationship that goes back several decades. Horsechief has been a coach for the Indians for the past 18 years, and Nells has been coaching at Sequoyah for the past 8 years, and together they turn out some great runners. "Sam and I went to college at Haskell and then we both transferred to Central State in Edmund," said James Nells.

The track program is a year round program, and the top runners, along with the coaches run year round. In the summer, when there are no competitions, they go on longer runs five or six days a week, six to twelve miles per day. They also work on improving their base, increasing intervals, and speed. During the school year, they meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays and run as a group. They also run individually.

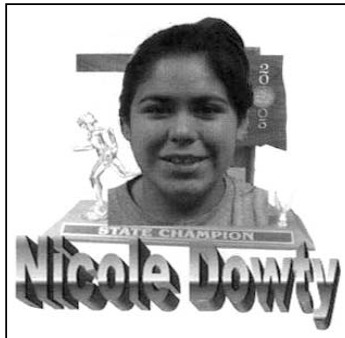
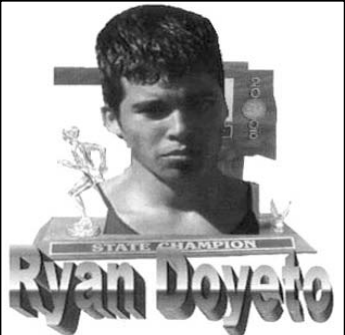
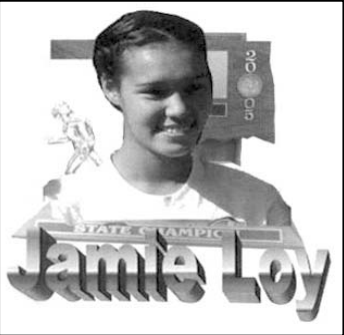
"During off season, between cross-country and track, we do weights. Cross country season is from August to the end of October and track season begins the end of January indoors and move outdoors in mid-March.

When asked what he considered the key was to such great success, Nells said, "The biggest reasons we do well is pride and a team of individuals who wants to do well. We as coaches help them to produce a good outcome.

# Sequoyah High School Track 2006



- Mar 4** Broken Arrow  
**Mar 17** Tulsa Union  
**Mar 25** Sequoyah Relays  
**Apr 1** Owasso  
**Apr 6** Hilldale  
**Apr 11** Tulsa Kelley  
**Apr 15** Holland Hall  
**Apr 21-22** Kansas Relays (Lawrence, KS)  
**Apr 29** Regionals (TBA)  
**May 5-6** \State (Moore)





# UKB Regular Council Meeting Minutes

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attending an ANA Conference next week, presently working on revision of the Ethic Policy for the tribe.

- December 22 the Council will be receiving invitations for you and your spouse to attend the open house; we appreciate your attendance, good for employees to see you at various gatherings.

- Nine separate grant applications are being worked on by Georgia Dick (Charles Locust complimented Georgia on job being done).

- No federal funding comes to education

- Tim GoodVoice explained in detail the work relations with the Ross Group projects. A list of deficiencies on the Wellness Center was requested by a council member. Stephanie Wickliffe stated that such a list would be provided.

- Tim GoodVoice stated ICW and Tribal Victims are now combined under one director, this did not cause release of any personnel. Two advocates now working in each of ICW and Tribal Victims departments under the combination of the two programs.

- The combining of ICW and Tribal victims programs will allow opening of two satellite offices in addition to the one office in Stilwell. Projected satellite office locations are Sequoyah and Delaware County.

- TVA program has become a part of an organization which is nationally recognized “Sacred Circle of Domestic Violence Coalition”

- Commended Lighthorse on a protective order served for TVA at the CN bingo. Lighthorse contacted Cherokee County Sheriff’s office which then contacted CN Marshals and UKB Lighthorse served the protective order on CN property. Lighthorse deserves credit for doing a great job.

- Sue Esquivel from TVA department served as translator to Spanish speakers working at UKB construction site. Different abilities of employees are utilized where needed.

- DISCUSSION: hiring practices on construction contracts.

- Jobs have been offered to UKB members but they don’t appear for work.

- Rick Glory explained how contractors must have \$1 million Bond, and this keeps the small companies out but the present contractor of Child Care Building has hired UKB members when in the past such hiring was not practiced.

- Barry Dotson and Albert Shade stressed the importance of making sure contractors were paying Keetoowahs the prevailing wage and this should be checked with the worker regardless of what a contractor says.

- Barry Dotson said he would like Union contractors to come into the area to have opportunity to bid on UKB construction.

- Susan Adair asked about the horses that were received by the UKB.

- Tim GoodVoice informed that the horses are in a fenced pasture on the 120 acres.

**10. Housing Board:** Woodrow Pro-

tor (Verbal)

- Certified letters being mailed in reference to completing applications.

- Some files are inactive.

- Housing lists for needs to update or complete application was presented to council in reference to applicants in their district and applicants could be contacted by their council person and told of the needs to update or complete their housing application. This will help in the process.

- January 1, 2006, applications must be updated and completed or applications will be placed at the bottom of the list for receiving a house.

- This is updates and completion of housing list this is not relating to “new files”

- The Housing attorney recommended to the Housing Board; all applicants be mailed certified letters informing of the need to update and/or complete their housing applications with a deadline set for such compliance.

- Ken Bellmard said no problem in presenting housing applicant lists to appropriate district representative. An issue on such presentations to district representative would be a “voter influence,” whereas, this list information should not be used to influence any type of vote. If list is utilized for information purposes there should not be a problem in releasing the housing applicant’s list. Information is confidential and district representatives are bound by confidentiality and are not to share information for any reason outside of stated purpose.

- DISCUSSION

**11. Education Committee:** Susan Adair

- Had a meeting with the new Education director
- Georgia Dick informed; the director has been asked to follow up on College Students over-all finances are being cut; thus, UKB funds received by a student is not viewed as additional money.

**VIII. Public Forum** (Chief Wickliffe announced that each speaker would be limited to 5 minutes)

1. Betty Holcomb commended Council on work being done

2. Linda Hooper said she really enjoys working part-time in UKB offices. People are friendly and much smiling is seen. She is excited about the opening of a new Child Care Center.

3. Betty Mouse said the Cherokee classes should involve adults as well as babies so language can be spoken outside of classes. Parents are not always Cherokee speakers. Also the \$100,000.00 spoken of earlier in this meeting was not explained as to its intended use.

- Charles Locust responded the intended use of this money had been explained in today’s meeting.

- Chief Wickliffe responded with the use of this money transfer was to support the general fund.

- Betty Mouse asked who to contact for the scholarship program.

- Stephanie Wickliffe informed that students should fill out application and visit with either the Education director or Sammy Still.

**4. Random speakers and subjects:**

- Georgia Hogner asked where the horses came from and what the tribe planned to do with the horses.

- Chief Wickliffe verified with Rick Glory that the horses had come from Missouri. The horses will be adopted out to Keetoowahs.

- Betty Holcomb asked the status of cows which came to the tribe under the previous administration.

- Rick Glory informed that the cattle and horses are pastured together. Presently there are 3 cows, we are expecting to receive 3 more and 3 of these 6 are expected to deliver calves in about 3 months.

- Charley Dry commended tribe for not hiring illegals and he supported the concern of wages actually paid by contractors (speaker is Cherokee Nation member).

Lunch Break 1:00 PM-1:30 PM  
Reconvened meeting after break at 1:40 PM

Roll Call: 11 + Chief Present (Proctor didn’t answer roll call but arrived just after)

**IX. Unfinished Business:** 1:40 PM reconvened

- NONE

**X. New Business**

1. To approve/disapprove to authorize the UKB to become a state party in UNESCO’s World Heritage by submitting an Instrument of Acceptance.

- Sammy Still, from NAGPRA committee, verbally described the details and advantages of being a member of UNESCO.

- Council’s approval would cause UKB to be distinguished as the first Indian tribe to be registered in UNESCO.

- No financial obligations to the tribe

- No membership dues are known of.

- Questions and responses

- MOTION by Jerry Hanson to approve item number X, 1; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

2. Wal-Mart Gift Cards

- Liz Littledave explained it had been requested by Barry Dotson (author of this item) that item #2 be stricken from the agenda. Agendas had already been mailed to the 9 district representatives; therefore, item could not be stricken before today’s meeting. It seemed Barry had discussed this item with Shelbi and I am unaware of the results of that discussion.

- Shelbi Wofford then informed that she and Juanita Smith are coordinating their schedules where Juanita and two accounting staff members will be present at every committee meeting. Juanita has received a list of all district’s children’s names from Liz. Shelbi has the gift cards and cards will be given to the children who show up at the community meetings “and money will be reconciled after all is said and done.”

- DISCUSSION

- When and where Council will distribute cards.

- Cards will be given out at district

meetings.

- Chief Wickliffe inquired of attorney general Ken Bellmard; during Council meetings the public records the proceedings what is the law on such.

- Ken Bellmard said the Council can determine what is allowed; pictures, recordings, etc. it can be that such is not allowed if you wish. Decisions do not require a policy on what is allowed but can be decided and announced at Council’s discretion. If meeting is held at a public facility which was rented, etc. could be an issue as to who can attend but if meetings is held at UKB facility the Council can decide what is allowed. Decision to disallow such can be made on an individual needs bases.

3. To approve/disapprove 2500 section of Tribal Competitive bids to add © with the exception of Roads/Construction contracts, materials, and purchasing; competitive bids will be required for anything over \$5,000.00 (Rick Glory verbal presentation).

- Woodrow Proctor suggested Enterprise Board be over this program

- Charles Locust stated program was not a business project; thus, not an Enterprise project.

- Purchases now are almost always over the limit of \$500.00; whereas, \$5,000.00 would better satisfy purchases cost.

- Susan Adair suggested modification of motion to include (of document...)

- MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve item X, 3; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed

4. To authorize submission of a USDA RBEG application for the purpose of creating a small emerging business-Keetoowah Construction (Georgia Dick written and verbal presentation).

- DISCUSSION of details involved

- MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve agenda item number X, 4; SECONDED by Albert Shade; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

5. To approve/disapprove the Keetoowah Construction, Inc., small business, article of incorporation and by-laws.

- MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve item X, 5; SECONDED by Albert Shade; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

6. To approve/disapprove the submission of a USDA Community Facility application for an Education Center, for the grant amount of \$50,000.00.

- MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve item X, 6; SECONDED by Adalene Smith; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

7. To approve/disapprove the Keetoowah Education Foundation by-laws and articles of incorporation.

- MOTION by Eddie Sacks to approve item X, 7; SECONDED by Charles Locust; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

- Chief Wickliffe presented three names toward five Foundation Members, namely: Eddie Sacks, Charles Locust, and Rodney Fourkiller to be set on the 8A Board (Economic Development Authority)

- With input from Ken Bellmard; Mr. Bellmard will check tax code as to Mr. Sacks’ eligibility to serve on Economic Development Authority

- Questions on Committee responses and duration of terms.

- AD HOC Committee was named to prepare committee policy; namely: Betty Mouse, Mary Tidwell, Susan Adair, Brenda Locust, and Eddie Sacks (Cliff Wofford declined being named).

- Chief Wickliffe said bring to Council at January’s meeting, subject of membership relinquishment due to coercion.

8. Council to discuss the subject of potential employees: Barry Dotson

- Assistance being requested from Human Services and discretionary funds. Some people are continuously asking for help. Suggest community services from applicant should be required for receiving services. Some people are “riding the system,” would suggest work program.

- MOTION by Woodrow Proctor that a proposal for a work program for assistance be prepared (Rick Glory agreed to such); SECONDED by Barry Dotson; Proposal will be presented to Council at January 2006 Council Meeting; VOTE: approved by affirmation. Motion passed
- 9. Propose to go into Executive Session to discussion and review the organization chart.

- Shelbi Wofford expressed she did not wish to go into executive session because topic is to review a resolution and to review an organizational chart.

- MOTION by Cliff Wofford that Council does not go into executive session; SECONDED by Shelbi Wofford; VOTE: 5 Yes, 7 No (Dotson, Fourkiller, Hanson, Locust, Littledave, Proctor, Sacks), 0 Abstentions. Motion failed.

- MOTION by Charles Locust to go into executive session and to include Ken Bellmard in session; SECONDED by Woodrow Proctor; VOTE: 8 Yes, 4 No (Adair, Shade, Smith, C. Wofford), 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

- Entered into executive session at 3:14 PM

- Returned to regular session at 4:22 PM; vote by affirmation

- MOTION by Charles Locust to allow the nine district representatives to review the job description of comptroller as who is in charge as far as delegation of duties, supervisory responsibilities, and recording departments and bring back to full Council for a vote; SECONDED by Barry Dotson; VOTE: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed

- Chief Wickliffe said the nine district representatives will decide when they will meet

- Woodrow Proctor says it should not be a meeting for discussion but “meet” would be letter.

**XI. Announcements**

- Cliff Wofford said the nine district representatives should meet Thursday at 6:00 PM (no action taken by Council on Cliff’s statement)

**XII. Benediction:** Jerry Hanson

**XIII. Adjourn:** MOTION by Charles Locust; SECONDED by Adalene Smith; VOTE: Affirmation

TIME: 4:35 PM





# The Future Looks Bright

By Assistant Chief Charlie Locust

Our people have the opportunity to look back and appreciate their insight regarding their selection of a group of individuals, who make up the UKB Tribal Council and Administration. This assembled group has completed their first (12) twelve months and the UKB Members have to admire the professionalism displayed by the group, while making important decisions affecting approximately 10,000 members.

This group has placed the Band in a positive financial position. When we have been allowed to direct our time toward positive issues, the current Administration and Tribal Council have accomplished great strides in the area of financial accountability and efficiency toward the delivery of tribal services. We have become Accountable and we are insuring Integrity will be involved in all aspects of daily tribal operations.

As of today, the UKB Accounting Staff has brought our Audits up to date. The importance of this accomplishment is it puts the tribe in position to become eligible for increased federal funding. If the Band can maintain this status, they will become eligible for the Department Of Interior's Self Governance status. Another reason for maintaining the current financial status is the available monetary benefits other financial institutions will make available to tribes with our status. But, these issues require us to maintain status quo, so we need to look at what has been accomplished and the benefits received in this short amount of time. The Chief and Assistant Chief during their campaign trail, stated, if elected, we will perform up to the standards you have entrusted us with and we will put the UKB in a positive and strong position, to insure we control our own destiny.

The following bulleted items are highlighted summaries of accomplishments that have taken place in the first twelve months of this new Administration. Their accomplishments have proven to be positive benefits to the UKB. Other listed items will update you of future activities that are on the horizon for the UKB.

- **AUDITS:** The Comptroller and Accounting staff has completed FY 03' and 04' Tribal Audits. This will be the first time the UKB has had their Audits completed, up to date and on file.
- **FEDERAL PROGRAMS:** All programs are presently in regulatory compliance and have all reporting completed. When the new administration came in, we were on the verge of possibly losing some federal programs, due to non-compliance issues.
- **DISCRETIONARY FUNDS:** This is the first time an Administration has implemented this type of new program. In the remaining (9) months in FY 04' we budgeted \$175,000 and for FY 05' we budgeted \$200,000. The new Administration's objective was to increase funding for member's "Emergency Assistance". The distribution of funds was based on the number of tribal members living in that district. The District Representatives are now capable of assisting members, who may otherwise fall between the cracks. This new program has proven to be very beneficial for our members.

• **EDUCATION:** The Education Dept. was budgeted for FY 04' \$160,000. The new Administration increased this to \$240,000 for the remaining (9) months. For FY 05' the budget has been set at \$400,000. This new Administration goal was to increase the Education funding level.

• **HUMAN SERVICES:** The Human Services Dept. was budgeted for FY 04' \$160,000. The new Administration increased this to \$240,000, for the remaining (9) months. For FY 05' the budget has been set at \$300,000. Another Administration goal was to increase the funding for tribal members services and to assist eligible members with special needs.

• **ELECTION BOARD AND VOTING PROCESS:** This was another goal and a very important issue when the new Administration was campaigning. So this Administration made it their goal to upgrade the previous system. With this upgrade they have developed a plan for addressing the mapping issue for district boundaries. The Board utilizes a computerized GPS Mapping System, to locate boundary lines and specific land description locations. The Board's office will continue to be located in Hulbert. The Board will evaluate and provide official documentation and assist in decisions made in the future.

• **ENROLLMENT:** The Enrollment Office is in the process of upgrading all tribal members' enrollment files. This is the first attempt by the new Administration to review this situation, and attempt to correct the issues we had during the previous elections, regarding persons voting in the wrong district and incorrect personal addresses. The Chief has issued a mandate to implement procedures to address tribal members concerns, before the next election in FY 06'.

• **TEACHING CHEROKEE CLASSES:** This is an important issue for the Chief and it is close to his heart. Therefore, when the new Administration took office in Jan. 05, they wanted to begin teaching different levels of language classes throughout all districts. As of today, there are classes in the majority of all districts. Very influential Cherokee Speakers have assisted the UKB in this important endeavor, such as UKB Chief George Wickliffe, Former CNO Deputy Chief Hastings Shade and Deputy Chief Garland Eagle, OU Professor Durbin Feeling, and many more. These individuals and Cultural Director Sammy Still have been instrumental in implementing a new Youth and Elder Conference during our Annual Celebration

in October.

• **HOUSING AUTHORITY:** The new Administration, the Housing Board and Management have agreed upon a mandate for the implementation of a directive to re-write internal policies, in order to assist tribal members falling through the "cracks" and not allow our own program's intake policies penalize our members. Also, when reviewing the policies, attempt to upgrade the Indian Housing Plan to address the emergency needs of our members, especially burnout, dilapidated housing, water and sewer installations problems and emergency Rehabilitation for older housing. We want to be capable of becoming more efficient in our procurement practices, internal tracking, and documentation. This is an important matter, so we need to insure they address HUD's proposed FY 06' cutbacks, which will possibly have the budget reduced approximately (40%) from FY 05'.

• **GAMING:** With the Administration being involved in directing some internal changes to Casino Policy, they have witnessed an increase in revenue production and deposits by approximately (30%) just in the (9) months the new Administration has been in office. They have also increased jobs around (40%). These benefits were due to re-enforced internal control procedures and more efficient operational practices. Benefits received from new management practices, is due to the fact the Gaming Board and Casino were capable of redistributing budgeted line items and approve donations for special tribal projects, they are approximately the amounts listed below,

- o Celebration Arbor (construction and labor) \$18,700
- o Thanksgiving Cards for Employees (\$15 Ea. @320) \$4,800
- o Christmas Candy for each District's kids \$1,500
- o Christmas Gift Cards for each District's kids. (\$25 ea) \$35,950
- o All Employee Christmas Dinner, Bingo and Match Play (\$10 ea) \$7,840
- o Light Horse Equipment Purchase \$15,000
- o Distribution of Gaming Operational Funds to the GF \$200,000

• **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD:** This entity was developed

to evaluate, administer and oversee new business ventures. All retail outlets will be under this umbrella of the tribe.

• **SATELLITE OFFICES:** This is the first Administration capable of budgeting and implementing funding for Satellite Offices. The Administration will have staff members be present in these locations on specified dates, in order to meet members' needs, who cannot travel long distance to Tahlequah. The staff members will be capable of addressing questions and requests made by the members. The first office was opened in Stilwell, second in Sallisaw, next in Vian, and the fourth one will be in Jay.

• **JOBS:** There have been several new jobs implemented by the new Administration. Such as the Grant Writer, Census Worker, Enforcement Director, Cultural/Language Director, Construction Manager, Custodial Staff, Maintenance Staff and this does not take into consideration the jobs developed by the Casino.

## NEW ITEMS ON THE HORIZON:

• **ELDERLY LIVING CENTER:** This is a new grant received in FY 05'. Construction will begin in spring 06' and will take place on the (80) acres in Trust. The grant amount is approximately (\$850,000) several job positions will be developed for this new program.

• **LAND IN TRUST:** Application has been accepted by the BIA in Muskogee for the (80) acres our Federal Programs building is located on. This will establish a land base for the UKB, which is something they have been striving for in the last (55 years) This will be our greatest achievement. We will also be completing applications for acreage in state and out of state.

• **ROADS:** The road from Hwy 82 to the Federal Programs Building was completed. The parking lot was paved and lights were installed. The next project will connect the (80) acres to the Gaming facility, around the former railroad spur. This will categorize our lands as adjacent to each other. Due to these projects, a Construction Crew is being assessed and implemented.

• **8A SBA STATUS:** We want to implement this status on the tribe, so we can pursue Federal Contracts, implement additional jobs, and new business ventures.

B We want to implement this status on the tribe, for the purpose of receiving Educational grants, due to the previous Administrations, not having sufficient Audits.

• **CORPS OF ENGINEERS LAND LEASES:** (800) Acres will be given to the tribe, for leasing and possible other business ventures. We will also look into land around Lake Tenkiller.

• **EDUCATION BUILDING:** Class rooms, offices, meeting rooms and storage rooms will be available. Our projected expenses are approximately \$300,000. Grants are being targeted for the construction cost of this project. Several jobs will be developed.

• **COUNCIL HOUSE:** Administrative Building on the (80) acres. For Council meetings and Administrative offices.



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